

SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS BULLETIN 2

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This document supplements other Nebraska e-file documentation, and is intended to notify software developers in the Federal/State Electronic Filing Program of changes to original specifications releases.

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Nebraska 1040 MeF Program Changes and Clarifications

Issue:

We are receiving reports that some software is erroneously instructing all filers to mail in withholding documents. Currently, we are receiving Forms 8453N with Forms W-2 attached. Since all software is required to support Form W-2 these must not be sent with Form 8453N when they are included in the electronic record. E-file software MUST NOT instruct taxpayers to send in Form 8453N when the form being sent is already included in the electronic return (XML or binary attachment).

Action Required:

Stop instructing filers to send in forms included in the electronic record.

Any software that instructs users to <u>always</u> send in withholding documentation or other forms like 2441N, 1099, (or any form shown on Form 8453N included in the electronic record) must immediately stop instructing taxpayers to always send in these forms.

Background:

Instructions on Form 8453N are as follows:

Mail Form 8453N and applicable documentation only when the e-filed Nebraska Individual Income Tax Return requires this information to substantiate a claim or credit, <u>and your software does not support this form in e-file.</u>

Typically, filers should only mail in Form 8453N when an Alert acknowledgment has been sent instructing the filer to do so; or in cases where the software knows a particular form must be mailed because the Department requires it for that return and the software does not support it. Questions about this issue and Nebraska e-file should be directed to:

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